

# Youth Initiative Program

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## MEETING REMINDER

The Youth Initiative Program (YIP) will hold its next networking meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 18, 2006, at 5300 E. Paisano, El Paso Housing Authority - Assembly Room. Please make plans to attend. For information call the YIP office at (915) 298-9600.



This month's scheduled speaker is Cynthia Landovazo from Child Protective Services. In addition to the role that Child Protective Services plays in our community, Ms. Landovazo will be on hand to answer questions on child related issues.



Come and get connected with the YIP networking community to locate resources, information, volunteers, and speakers, or if you provide a service!



Job Corp students pick up U.S. Army literature at a tobacco awareness event "Kick Butts", sponsored by the David L. Carrasco Job Corp. Over 150 students were in attendance to obtain information on how to counter the use of tobacco and the consequences of tobacco use. Local presenters also took part in judging the student poster contest.



Pictured above (rt) is retired MP Capt. M.E. Briones who received a "GoArmy" pin from SSGT M. Ramirez during the David L. Carrasco Job Corp "Kick Butts" anti-tobacco event. Ms. Briones has been with the Job Corp for 9 years.

## 2006 Community Safety Fair

The El Paso Police Dept. invites the community to the annual Safety Fair held at the County Coliseum on Sat. May 20, from 10 AM - 3 PM. There will be demonstrations by EPPD units such as K-9, Traffic, SWAT, Motorcycle Units, and Bike Patrol. Safety tips will be made available by community agencies. Bring the family for a fun and informational day with area agencies and the El Paso Police Dept. Free car seat inspections will be available. Contact: Margaret Meraz 564-7352.

Safe & Drug  
Free Schools



Lamar Middle School students return to class after a fun and educational morning at CAPT



Bowie High School students greeted area EPISD elementary students with games and prizes at this year's Children Are People Too (CAPT) symposium, sponsored by Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities.

## Did You Know ...

The STARS conference is next Tuesday and Wednesday (there is still time to register), the Crime Victims Council and the Crisis Consortium will move their meetings to the 4th week of the month. Stay tuned for exact meeting times and locations.

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"Diablos Baseball Day" for students at Cohen Stadium on Wed. May 17. Pre-game, agencies will be on hand to provide educational materials. Contact Kelly Rogers at 755-2000.

## Character Education / Safe and Drug Free



Dr. Sivert Rafter is the Regional Director for Motivational Productions.

**MOTIVATIONAL PRODUCTIONS** is a non-profit organization, created and founded on the principles of faith, honesty, integrity, loyalty and love. Their mission is to "inspire, motivate and encourage all individuals regardless of race, age or gender to accept and strive for nothing less than excellence throughout all life's endeavors." Through the use of heartfelt multimedia presentations and carefully developed curricula, we commit to an uncompromising message of the importance of building great character, strong morals and values.

Promotional flyers are available for viewing. Also available are two new releases "Freedom Calls" and "Color of Love". Freedom Calls is our cutting edge Middle School/High School production made in conjunction with the US Army dealing with the topics of inhalants. Color of Love is our Elementary School program dealing with loving yourself and others while it addresses issues like prejudice. Motivational Productions are supported by the Center for Substance Abuse Programs and the division of Health & Human Services.

Motivational Productions is a leader in multi-media school assembly presentations. Why do their digital/DVD three-screen productions captivate the nation's youth? **Because they speak their language!** By incorporating movie clips, hit music, and exciting, true - life stories, the students' attention is gained - and the opportunity to present positive lessons on living, caring, consequences, and making good decisions. To date, over 12 million children and teens in 48 states and five Canadian provinces have been touched.

For more information go to their website: [www.motivationalpro.org](http://www.motivationalpro.org) or call 1-800-487-8464.



Willie Cager was on hand to support the Town Hall meeting on Underage Drinking held at the Camino Real on April 19. He donated an autographed basketball signed by the Texas Western National Collegiate Champions "Glory Road". Willie is pictured above with community supporter, Gus Haddad.



Cmdr. Glenn Scott, American Legion Law Enforcement Post 74, presented the 2006 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award to EPPD Officer J. W. Ferrer, from the NERCC, on May 5.

### M.A.R.S. Facilitators

A special recognition to the 2005-2006 facilitators for the Multi-Agency Referral System (MARS): Mary Faraci, Address; Pat Smelser, Austin High; Linda Romero, Bowie; Victoria Foster, Burges; Barbara Augustine, Chapin; Christina Soria, El Paso High; Rita Aguilera, Franklin; Daniel Varela, Jefferson; Terry Randall, Bel-Air; Martha Campos; Del Valle; Rita Montoya, Eastwood; Katherine Olivas, Hanks; Margarita Hernandez, Parkland; Isidro Frayre, Riverside, Elizabeth Sanchez, Ysleta; Mary Ann Salas, El Dorado; Claudia Andrade, Fabens High. Also, a special thanks to CPS who has assigned a representative for each MARS group.



The Auto Theft Task Force would like to remind patrol of their ability to cite motorist who are in violation of the offense of "**Vehicle Unattended**". As shown by Auto Theft Intelligence a growing trend has developed, the thieves are picking up on people who are leaving the keys in their vehicles while they leave to take care of business for a moment. (Most notably Convenience stores and gas stations.) The thieves are grabbing the easy take, as it only takes a few seconds to steal a vehicle with the keys in it. We (E.P.P.D.) do not want to pile on any other issues to a person who admits to having left the keys in their vehicle that was just stolen. But, for those who irresponsibly leave the keys in their vehicles, those are the ones we need to send a message to before they become victims of a car thief, be it verbally, or by citation.

State of Texas Transportation Code 545.404.

An operator **may not** leave the **vehicle unattended** without:

- (1) stopping the engine;
- (2) locking the ignition;
- (3) removing the key from the ignition;
- (4) setting the parking brake effectively; and
- (5) if standing on a grade, turning the front wheels to the curb or side of the highway.

An offense under this section is punishable by:

- (1) a fine not to exceed \$200.00;
- (2) confinement in a county jail for not more than 30 days; or
- (3) both fine and confinement.

THIS SECTION APPLIES TO:

**A private access way or parking area provided for a client or patron of a business, other than a private residential property or the property of a garage or parking lot for which a charge is made for the storing or parking of motor vehicles; and a highway or other public place.**





### The DNA LifePrint Kit

Endorsed by John Walsh  
Child Advocate & Crime Fighter

**Parents**, bring your children to this FREE Child Safety Program. This service is being provided as a donation to the community by Crawford Auto Plaza.

Where: Crawford Auto Plaza  
6800 Montana Ave, El Paso  
Contact: Henry Martinez 915-778-7781  
When: Saturday, May 27, 2006  
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

The DNA LifePrint Child Safety Program promotes child safety awareness and provides important tools to families which can protect their children against violence. Parents are provided with the following for FREE:

- \* a Child Safety Journal which will include vital information about your child and other important facts;
- \* a high quality full color Digital Photograph of your child;
- \* a Super Video-CD of your child;
- \* a Home DNA Identification Kit

More info: <http://www.dna-lifeprint.com>



The STARS Border Issues Conference will be held on May 16th and 17th at the Marriott Hotel. There will be three tracks: Criminal Justice, Direct Service, and Education and Prevention of Sexual Assault. Please call STARS for registration information at 533-7700. The conference is in need of more door prizes - any and everything! Please call Rebecca or drop off at STARS offices at 710 N. Campbell.



The El Paso Police Department Secure Our Schools Initiative was dedicated during the month of March to training and assisting schools with Crisis Response Plans and training teachers on CODE BLUE procedures. Coordinators Marlo Tena and Araceli Salcedo introduced the SOS program to EPISD principals at the monthly Principal meeting held at Education Center. With this opportunity they were able to train Schuster Elementary, Dowell Elementary, El Paso Academy East, El Paso Academy West, Paso del Norte School of Excellence, and they have assisted many other schools both from the private and public sector with crisis response plans. (915) 298-9600.



EPPD Code Blue Coordinators Araceli Salcedo and Marlo Tena along with Department Officers and agencies such as Ysleta Independent School District, Fire Department, Office of Emergency Management and City/County Health Department, conducted an "Active Shooter" MOCK drill at Del Valle High School on April 27, 2006.

Mission Valley SRO/PAR Officers and Del Valle High School staff and administrators did a great job testing and responding to the drill. Students' response was very positive and their reaction to the practice was very proactive. The Officers utilized their tactical skills to arrest and detain the active shooters.



### EL PASO FEDERATION OF FAMILIES

NOW AT 5304 EL PASO DRIVE,  
79901, PHONE 771-7363

The El Paso Federation of Families has moved, and they are in need of all types of office furniture and supplies. Please contact Angelique Martinez: [anmartinez@epcounty.com](mailto:anmartinez@epcounty.com). This is a non-profit organization collaborating with schools, communities, private and governmental agencies and other advocacy organizations to provide, advocate, and educate families with needed emotional and informational support about their rights and the array of accessible high quality, family centered services available.



A Town Hall Meeting about Underage Drinking provided information to students and families on April 19, 2006. The event sponsored by Rio Grande Safe Communities Coalition was in conjunction with a nationwide effort to bring the community together, addressing the myths and the facts surrounding underage drinking. The presentation was geared toward educating students about the overall dangers of alcohol so they could share that information with their peers, and to enlist parental involvement through awareness and/or participation. Call: 775-2555.



**Annual Letter Carriers  
Food Drive  
Saturday, May 13, 2006**

Place non-perishable food items in a bag near your mailbox for your letter carrier, or drop off non-perishables at your neighborhood post office. Your postal carrier will deliver your donation to local United Way member agency, The Paso Del Norte Food Bank.



**Your Pet and the New Law**

Within the city limits of El Paso, the following laws have been enacted:

Dogs, cats and ferrets 4 months of age or older must be vaccinated against rabies. Veterinarians will be able to determine if pets can receive the new 3-year vaccine;

Any person allowing a dog or cat to breed is required to pay a \$75.00 annual litter permit for each animal, allowing two litters per year;

Dogs, cats and ferrets must be microchipped;

It is unlawful to sell, trade, barter, lease, rent, give away or display for a commercial purpose any animal on any roadside, public right-of-way, commercial parking, or at any flea market or festival.



The grand opening of the Family Resource Center at 580 Giles was celebrated with numerous guest speakers including Police Chief Richard Wiles. The Resource Center will provide access to education and prevention services. A large part of what the Center and other agencies provide is reactionary services – services after an incident has occurred. With this new Resource Center, CAFV will be able to launch a distinguishable campaign that will be proactive instead of reactive. Additional space is available for interested agencies to utilize, which could possibly make the Resource Center a one-stop shop for non-residential services in addition to hub for the continuing collaboration for education, prevention, and training of El Paso social services professionals. For further information: [www.cafv.org](http://www.cafv.org).

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